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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Yannick PEYSSON et al  
Serial No.: 09/985,730  
Filed: November 6, 2001  
For: METHOD OF DETERMINING THE THERMAL PROFILE OF A DRILLING FLUID IN A WELL  
Art Unit: 2856  
Examiner: R. Raevis

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 29, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the second month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed October 28, 2003. A credit card charge including the amount of \$420.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (referencing Case No. 612.40801X00).

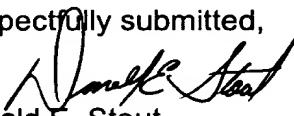
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